



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 17

January Session, 2017

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**AN ACT ASSISTING STUDENTS WITHOUT LEGAL IMMIGRATION
STATUS WITH THE COST OF COLLEGE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) Beginning in the fall
2 semester of 2018, and for each semester thereafter, in accordance with
3 8 USC 1621(d), any person who is entitled to classification as an in-
4 state student for tuition purposes, including any person without legal
5 immigration status who files an affidavit with an institution of higher
6 education stating that such person has filed an application to legalize
7 his or her immigration status, or will file such application as soon as he
8 or she is eligible, pursuant to section 10a-29 of the general statutes,
9 shall be eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by
10 federal law, institutional financial aid to attend a public institution of
11 higher education in the state from the funds set aside by the
12 constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes. For
13 the purposes of this section, "institutional financial aid" means funds
14 set aside from the anticipated tuition revenue of an institution of
15 higher education for the purposes of providing tuition waivers, tuition
16 remissions, grants for educational expenses, and student employment
17 for residents of the state enrolled as full or part-time matriculated
18 students in a degree-granting program or enrolled in a precollege
19 remedial program and who demonstrate substantial financial need.

20 (b) Not later than January 1, 2018, the Board of Regents for Higher
21 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut
22 shall establish procedures and develop forms to enable persons who
23 are eligible for institutional financial aid under subsection (a) of this
24 section to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law,
25 such institutional financial aid.

26 (c) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public
27 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student
28 financial aid a person eligible for institutional financial aid under
29 subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was eligible
30 for such federal student financial aid.

31 (d) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of
32 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt policies as are
33 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
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HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*